Sub-Commission IV of the Indo-Pak Joint Commission, which deals with visa related matter be reconvened.

Allocation of Natural Gas to Rajasthan

*48. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan Government have sought bulk allocation of 20 million cubic metres of natural gas per day for setting up various gas based projects;

(b) whether it is a fact that bulk allocation from the existing HBJ gas pipeline had been made to other States but State of Rajasthan had been denied its share; and

(c) if so, what are the main demands of Rajasthan and by when the Central Government are expected to make the allocation of gas to Rajasthan for establishing new industries for economic and social uplift of desert State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. An allocation of 3.74 MMSCMD has been made for the fertiliser plant at Gadepan, the power plant of NTPC at Anta and Samcor Glass, Kota.

(c) The Rajasthan Government have asked for 20 MMSCMD of gas for power plants, fertiliser and methanol projects, LPG extraction, Petrochemical project and ceramic industries. The gas projected to be available along the HBJ pipeline is fully allocated and it is not feasible to consider additional allocation of gas at present.

New Railway Zonal Office in Madhya Pradesh

*49. SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the place of the proposed new railway zonal office in Madhya Pradesh has since been decided; and

(b) if so, its name and if not, by when the decision would be arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) The study group, which had been constituted for examining the existing geographical distribution of zones and divisions in the wake of Project Unigauge and the construction of Konkan Railway, has suggested a need for its rationalisation. This exercise may also entail the creation of some new zones and divisions.

Further processing for formulation of proposals and other related matters is being undertaken.

Regaining the U.N. membership by Yugoslavia

*50. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Yugoslavia has recently sought India's help for its regaining the U.N. membership; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken so far by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Implementation of policies Adopted at the SAARC Summit

*51. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the benefits accrued to India as a result of the recent SAARC Summit; and

(b) the measures being taken/proposed to be taken to implement the consensus arrived at the Summit?